

To: Public Water and Wastewater Officials, County Health Departments [TANS list, County HD's list]

Title: Threat Advisory Notification System [TANS] Notice #12

Purpose: To forward information about the EPA's new CD product "Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems"

Please note that all these excellent tabletop exercises can be accessed from the internet at this address: <http://www.waterisac.org/epa/starthere.html>

If this address doesn't work, follow the instructions in the following memo, as the CD materials may have been moved.

Dear Colleague,

EPA is making available a new CD product entitled Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems (EPA 817-C-05-001). The tabletop exercises on this CD were developed to help train water and wastewater utility workers in the application of their emergency response plans. The exercises contain secondary roles for health officials, laboratories, fire, police, emergency medical services, and local, state, and federal officials. The training goal of the CD is to strengthen the relationships between a water supplier and their emergency response team members and to enable water suppliers to "test" their emergency response plans before an actual incident occurs.

In total, twelve unique exercises can be created from the CD, incorporating teaching points from documents created by the Water Security Division relating to emergency response. The trainer or user will be able to select the threat warning from the eight basic types described in EPA's Response Protocol Toolbox: Planning for and Responding to Drinking Water Contamination Threats and Incidents and choose from five basic event types: intentional contamination, security breach, cyber security, physical attack, and interdependency. Finally, users are encouraged to adapt the materials on the CD to meet their own needs and objectives.

Information about the Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems is available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security> under "Publications". Printed copies, in limited quantity, can be obtained from the Water Resource Center by calling 800-832-7828 or 202-566-1729, by fax on 202-566-1736, or by e-mailing center.water-resource@epa.gov. If additional information is needed, please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Copies can also be obtained by calling 1-800-490-9198, sending an email to ncepimal@one.net, or visiting <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/ordering.htm>.

I ask for your assistance in publicizing the availability of this document to ensure that it reaches those who will benefit from it most.

Sincerely,

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